

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

August 18, 2020
Council Chambers
City Hall 5:30 pm

Public Services Committee Members Present; Juan Topete, Ceri Otero, Mike Daugherty

Members Absent; James Harrison

Staff Present; Tom Short, Mark Peterson, and Kailey Williams

Non-Members Present:

At 5:30 pm, Mr. Topete called the meeting to order.

Old Business:

1. Consider and approve minutes from the previous meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Consider and discuss a request by the Carthage Maple Leaf Car Show Committee for the use of Kellogg Lake Park on October 16th and 17th.

Mr. Peterson presented a map outlining Kellogg Lake Park. The Committee is requesting use south of the South Lake Pavilion to host the Car Show and Cruise Night on Friday night. During the day, they want use of what we call the River Pavilion for the Swap Meet, just north of that. The Committee will be bringing out ten porta-potties that they will be paying for, and they will be bringing in a dumpster that they will also pay for. They will be coordinating electrical drops with CWER that they will be paying for as well. Parks will be bringing out additional trash barrels, tables, and barricades borrowed from the Street Department. They are requesting that we block off two of the gates, the one toward the highway and the gate on the southeast corner to control traffic flow. They have a good step up for the Car Show. For the Cruise Night, they will have to set up some construction lights in order to see at night. Friday, they will start setting up at 9 am. Noon will be the swap meet. Food trucks will be out later that day, located down by the River Pavilion. That evening they will have music, festivities, and food. They want to make Kellogg Lake their home for this event for the future.

Mr. Short brought up the need for an agreement indicating what they are responsible for and what we are responsible for. Typically, we have all vendors or anyone who host events on city property, provides some type of liability insurance. Mr. Daugherty noted that they should be used to providing proof of insurance. When they are on the square, they have to provide the proof. As long as they have the agreement, everything should be lined out. Mrs. Otero noted that there is a concern with wet grounds after rain what they would do. Mr. Peterson said that if anything like that happened, they might cancel.

They are aware of the risk. Mr. Short asked about the swap meet. More information will be provided with that.

Mr. Short, depending on what kind of entity they are, we could most likely get sales tax out of the event. All vendors up on the square have to remit sales tax.

One of the significant concerns is rain, flooding and traffic. Closing the gates off will help with traffic flow. Parking would be along the river and in areas that are on the north side of the road along the river. The event is anticipating a lot more people because of several other car shows being canceled due to COVID. They usually have a police officer present to help control the area. If alcohol is present, that needs to be in the agreement.

Mrs. Otero made a motion to approve the use of Kellogg Lake Park by the Maple Leaf Car Show Committee for the Carthage Maple Leaf Car Show on October 16th and 17th. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Parks and Recreation Director- Mark Peterson

Beyond Baseball- A Semi-professional baseball league is wanting to have a team in Carthage. They target smaller cities to bring the community together. They want to use Rock Stadium and would hire local staff to participate in the league. They would be providing improvements that would mostly be cosmetic. The information provided tonight is to create awareness of what the activity is. JR Bond, the person in charge, wants to come and talk more about what they are with a PowerPoint presentation and discussions in person.

Golf Course- Revenues and rounds for August are looking great. We are having a great start. Repairs to the pump and motor for the main well will be done this week. The repair has to be done as soon as possible to have water to maintain the golf course.

Food Truck Friday- Great turn out. 1500 masks were distributed. Twenty-five trucks came with eight table vendors and the beer garden. Six trucks sold out of product by 6:30-7:00 pm. Banners were placed around the park with social distancing and proper sanitation reminders. We also put out hand washing stations and hand sanitizer stations. More tables were requested for the next Food Truck Friday.

Kellogg Lake- Finishing touches are being done to the shelter. Metal is ordered and will be complete this week. South Pavilion repairs will begin once the Pickle ball courts are finished.

Central Park- improvements of all four-flower beds are happening in conjunction with the Dogwood Garden Club. Irrigation is up and running great. New plants will help look

better.

Griggs- Pickle ball is finishing up over the next two weeks. 9/1 is the targeted date of the grand opening. HERE4Carthage has started planting in the community garden beds. We completed the shed construction. We will finish by helping out with some gravel/rock on the base, and the contractor will finish the fence work. HERE4Carthage has some ideas to help with Griggs- potentially a shelter and new playground equipment.

Freer- Topsoil and grassing will begin in September in the low areas. Fescue will be the grass choice.

Carter Park- Demo work will begin on the restrooms in October.

Fair Acres- the High School Softball Season will begin soon. Additional finish work will be done this week with trimming edging. Workout equipment will be switched in September.

Municipal- Demo of a shelter happening in late October, early November. The contractor coordinated for completion of the shelter on the north side of Rock Stadium. We will be removing the rest of the old backstops and concrete soon.

Pools- Last day of activity was Sunday. The YMCA is having trouble with its pool and has to drain the water and repair the problem. The High School Swim Team is looking for a place to host their meet and practice. Thoughts about opening the pool to the high school and coordinating a plan with R-9, including costs.

Meeting adjourned at 6:06 pm.